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Physical Apparatus for the Carrizozo High School.—About two weeks ago a large amount of very useful and valuable apparatus was received for use in the department of physics. The cost is about four hundred dollars and not a dollar of it was spent unwisely. Some schools have a great deal of expensive, useless, showy apparatus. That received for our high school was selected for making the experiments called for by our state university and the North Central Association of Colleges and High Schools. The text book and the manual used by us are by Millikan, of the University of Chicago, and are the best in use in the high schools of the United States. The work done in physics in the Carrizozo high school this year is sure to be acceptable to the state colleges of New Mexico and the North Central Association.

The laboratory work in physics is done on the beautiful table recently made by the manual training department. This table has not a single iron nail in its construction, being held together by glue and brass screws. Even a small iron nail in the table would become a magnet and interfere with the experiments in magnetism. The table was made according to the best model used in the United States and has the stain color of mission oak.

Of the one hundred and forty one pieces of apparatus a few will be mentioned: The aneroid barometer will tell the height of buildings, hills and mountains to within a few feet. It is to be used not only by the class in physics but also by the boy scouts. The teacher, Mr. Cole, also intends that the students shall estimate the height of mountains, and prove the accuracy of the aneroid barometer, by finding the boiling point of water at the top of the mountains. The boiling point of water falls one degree Centigrade for approximately one thousand feet of ascent above sea level. The school also has a mercurial barometer.

A wireless telegraph instrument belongs to the outfit. It sends messages only one hundred feet but it shows the working principle of wireless telegraphy better than if it cost thousands. The boys are especially interested in this piece of apparatus.

An excellent Toepler-Holtz generates static electricity. Electric chimes, Leyden jars, the electric whirl, the electric plume, and about a dozen other pieces of apparatus go with it.

The phenomena of light will be illustrated with plenty of excellent pieces such as the various lenses, prisms, multiple image apparatus, Rumford's photometer and the wonderful manometric flame apparatus.

The principles of sound will be proved by means of Galton's whistle, the organ pipe, the sonometer, tuning forks, resonant jars, the chromatic pitch pipe, Chladni's plates and other instruments.

A fine instrument for measuring the coefficient of linear expansion of the different metals will enable our students to find what part of itself a metal will expand on being heated one degree Centigrade. This can be done to a millionth part of an inch and requires careful and very accurate work on the part of the student.

The laboratory has plenty of apparatus to demonstrate the laws of the six types of machines.

In other words the Carrizozo high school has the equipment necessary to do as good work in physics as can be done in the largest high schools of New Mexico. The United States Commissioner of Education says that physics is the most useful study of the high school as it requires much mathematics, careful measurements, accurate reasoning and correct conclusions.

The science departments, of the Carrizozo schools has been neglected. Next year a chemical department should be developed. General science should be put into the freshman class; astronomy and geology should follow. These studies, so interesting to boys, would do much toward keeping the boys in school. Lastly, how we do need more working room!

Drilling in Tularosa Basin

There is considerable interest shown in the development of New Mexico oil fields in the Tularosa basin, north of El Paso, in Otero and Lincoln counties, and in the Jornada and Caballo basins, northern Dona Ana and southeastern Sierra counties. In southern Lincoln county a British Columbia company is drilling for oil at Oscura, and the well is about 1,000 feet deep. Further south, in Otero county, northwest of the town of Tularosa, a deep test well is drilling by the Southwestern Tularosa Oil company on a favorable structure in the middle of Tularosa basin. Several miles farther south in the same basin the Valmont-Tularosa Basin Oil company has been drilling with a small rig, and recently decided to drill with a large standard rig. The W. W. Cox Oil company is drilling with a large standard rig in the western portion of Tularosa basin about sixty miles north of El Paso. The Orleans Oil company is drilling in Tularosa basin, two miles west of Escondido, a station on the El Paso & Southwestern railroad, and about fifteen miles northeast of W. W. Cox well. There are five strong companies actually drilling in five different parts of Tularosa basin.

Mexican Smugglers Fight Provost Guard

El Paso, Texas.—An American provost guard and a Mexican civilian were killed during a pitched battle Saturday night between American smugglers, at the international boundary line near here tonight.

The dead: Private Fleer Embler, Hyde Park, North Carolina.

Jose Ramirez, El Paso, Texas.

The encounter occurred opposite a spot known as "The Island," which is Mexican territory, immediately contiguous to the American line, the old bed of the Rio Grande. As a group of provost guards approached a fence near the line, they were fired upon by a number of Mexicans, apparently smugglers, who were in ambush. The shooting is said to have lasted over an hour.

El Paso police and detectives joined the fray, and the Mexicans retreated. One of the latter, Ramirez, remained concealed in the grass and when the flash of his gun was seen he was riddled with bullets.

Six sacks of liquor were found behind the fence which the smugglers had used as a barricade.

250 Anarchists are Shipped to Russia

New York, Dec. 29.—Sailing under sealed orders, the army transport Buford, "the ark" which will carry back to soviet Russia Emma Goldman, Alex Berkman and more than 200 other radicals, will leave here early tomorrow. A thick veil of official secrecy was thrown about the preparations for departure and all passes to the Brooklyn piers where the ship is docked, were cancelled.

The destination of the ship is not known even to the Captain. His sailing orders will be handed to him sealed to be opened twenty-four hours away from port.

The normal crew of 125 men including officers, has been increased by enlisted men to serve as guards, and other precautions have been taken to prevent any possible trouble during the voyage.

Nearly 250 reds were at Ellis Island tonight awaiting deportation. The number had been increased during the day by the arrival of handcuffed and well guarded delegations totalling about 150, from Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, the Cleveland district and Hartford, Conn.

The transfer from Ellis Island to the Buford of the agitators who have preached death and destruction, was an event unique in the annals of this nation. Seized in raids in all parts of the country, they were mobilized here for deportation. An elaborate screen of secrecy was thrown about the preparations for sending them away.

It was in the darkest hours of night when an army tug drew up at the dock of the immigration station to take aboard the undesirable for the seven mile journey down the bay to the Buford.

A revenue cutter and two other army tugs formed an escort for the reds and one tug lay alongside while they were being transferred to the Buford, to prevent attempts by those reluctant to leave to swim the half mile to the shore of Staten Island.

While all the anarchists had professed joy at the thought of returning to Russia, a few of them wept and most of them seemed downcast as they stepped on board the tug for the grim journey through the darkness of the harbor to the troopship.

The air was cold and a biting wind was blowing as they huddled on deck. "Goodbye America," sobbed Miss Bernstein, as the tug plowed past the Statue of Liberty with her lighted torch held proudly aloft. The girl was leaving behind Samuel Lipman, her fiancé, facing a twenty-year term in the Atlantic penitentiary for violating the espionage law.

Berkman was defiant to the last and threatened secret service men as he stepped from the soil of the United States.

"We're coming back and we'll get you," he muttered, embellishing his statement with curses.

"To hell with America," came in a deep bass voice from the anarchists' tug as it passed a boat crowded with more department of justice men.

The women in the deported party will be treated as first-class passengers. The men are in three separate compartments. Ten immigration inspectors will help soldiers guard them. All will be confined to their quarters except for a brief daily exercise period

on deck. Red Cross nurses went along as matrons.

Other soviet arks are likely to leave in the near future, for the department of justice has a card index of 60,000 radicals who are under scrutiny, and it is the announced intention of the authorities to deport all who are proved to advocate the overthrow of the government by violence.

Early Ruling on the Prohibition Amendment Expected

Washington, Dec. 22.—The supreme court today ordered the government to show cause on January 5 why original proceedings should not be instituted by the states of Rhode Island and New Jersey retail liquor dealers to have determined the constitutionality of the constitutional amendment.

Applications for permission to contest the amendment's validity and seek injunction against its enforcement in those states were presented last week. In both instances, the amendment was alleged to conflict with the state police powers and with the federal constitution.

In ordering the government to show cause, the court, according to government attorneys, followed an unusual procedure as ordinarily in such instances, permission to bring such proceedings is given and a date fixed when they are returnable. The court, however, was generally believed to have been prompted by the fact that as the amendment becomes effective on January 16 the procedure followed would expedite matters.

The supreme court today recessed until January 5th, without handing down an opinion on the constitutionality sections of the Volstead prohibition enforcement act affecting the alcoholic content of beer.

A Vulcanizing Plant

A vulcanizing plant has recently been installed in the Taylor Garage on Main street, with S. A. Price, late of Texas, in charge. Mr. Price is recommended as a capable man in the business, who can make old tires good for several thousand miles of service. Car owners can reduce the upkeep of their machines by having their casings and inner tubes patched, when needed.

Up The Flume

The iron furnace has gone up in smoke, for the present, at least. The proposition made by the representative of the Hematite Mining & Transportation Co., which was favorably considered by the committee, appears to have been a little premature; so for the time being nothing can be done. Therefore, it is unnecessary to dilate on the proposition—there ain't going to be no furnace.

The Best Ever

The season, the weather and the crowd all united last night in making the dance in the K. P. Hall one of the most successful and entertaining the Carrizozo Dancing Club has given. Merry-makers were present from every point of the compass and everybody wore a smile that wouldn't come off. The music was splendid and every thing united to make the occasion a pleasurable one.

Even the hen lays her plans for the New Year.

N. M. to Have Two Congressmen

Census Forecast is that New Mexico will Have Two Representatives

It is quite probable that New Mexico will have two representatives in congress after March 4, 1921. This state was allowed two congressmen during the first year of statehood, but under the apportionment fixed by congress based upon the census of 1910, one representative was lost.

Congress made it necessary for this state to have a population of 423,754 in order to have two representatives in the lower house, but the 1910 census showed a population of only 327,301. But the estimates of the census bureau of 1918 gives this state a population of 437,000 in round numbers. There should be a reasonable increase for the year 1919 to be added, and unless actual tabulation by the enumerators should show the annual estimates of the bureau to be frightfully inaccurate, New Mexico will be entitled to elect two representatives in 1921.

The greatest drawback to securing a candidate in either party is a financial one. It is expensive to make the race, and if the candidate is elected his troubles have only commenced. He cannot live in Washington City, as a congressman is expected to live, on the salary. He couldn't do it before the high cost of living epidemic came, striking the national capital harder than any other place in the nation, and it will linger there longer.

Christmas Day

Christmas week was a busy one in Carrizozo. The stores, which a few weeks ago were jammed full of holiday goods, were sold out early in the afternoon of the 24th, the result of early shopping. The day was a beautiful one—warm and sunny, with the distant peaks showing white from recent snows. All the time-honored customs were in evidence (barring one)—the mistletoe, evergreens and Christmas trees; the giving and receiving of presents, etc.

Quite a large number left town to spend the day with relatives, and many returned from outside points to spend the day with home folks. The churches had their Christmas trees on the 24th and special services on the 27th. The day was quietly observed, with the spirit of "peace on earth and good will to men" prevailing.

In The Role of Santa Claus

Early Christmas morning the Gurney Hotel was besieged by a crowd of young Mexican boys and girls estimated from 100 to 150, joyously crying "Happy Krees-mus." Mrs. Gurney soon appeared, with hampers, filled with sacks of nuts, fruit, cake and other good things, which, with the assistance of several waiters, she dispensed to the happy crowd. On inquiry it was learned that she plays the role of Santa Claus every Christmas morning.

Breaks Arm

Elvin Harkey had one arm broken this week as a result of a tussle with a Ford. He was cranking the "critter" when it gave him a kick that was almost as disastrous as a contact with Si's mule, Maud. Harkey is going around, however, as though nothing of a serious nature happened, except that he wears his good right wing in a sling.

The Fourteenth Decennial Census

ENUMERATORS HARD TO GET

Felix Valdes, of Clayton, assistant supervisor of census, under supervisor Juan J. Duran, spent several days in Carrizozo this week, seeking enumerators to start out on the 2nd of January to take the fourteenth decennial census. He has had great difficulty so far in finding qualified candidates at \$6.00 a day, and appeals to the people to help him secure capable enumerators, as this census is intended to be more important than ever before.

The taking of the fourteenth decennial census is one of the big problems confronting the nation, and differing from every other tabulation of its kind which has been made, the directors are seriously hampered by the shortage of help. In the past the liberal pay allowed and the absence of hard work as it is usually considered, brought flocks of volunteers, from which it was easy to select the most promising prospects. This time it is difficult to get any help at all, and it has been necessary to waive the age and sex limit and various other stipulations that used to be considered essential. So marked is the situation that President Wilson last week considered it necessary to issue a proclamation asking the co-operation of the people generally.

The census this time is to be more comprehensive than ever before, and certainly more important, since the many vast problems of public policy are to be determined by the statistics gathered.

Mr. Valdes, while here this week, stated that he expected the people would help him secure enumerators for Carrizozo, Nogal, the Mesa, Capitan, Lincoln, Ancho, and some other precincts in the county, in which no appointments has been made. The people should do their utmost to induce capable persons to take the job, as on the correctness of the statistics gathered much depends for Lincoln county and New Mexico. We must make our very best showing, as ten years will elapse before we have another chance of proving our population and resources.

Farm Crops are Worth \$14,000,000,000

Washington, Dec. 21.—The total value of the country's important farm crops this year aggregates \$14,092,740,000, the department of agriculture estimated today in its final report. That compares with \$12,600,526,000, the aggregate value of last year's crops as finally revised. The total area planted in these principal crops is placed at 359,134,473 acres, compared with 356,497,162 last year.

Assessment Work for 1919 is Suspended

A joint resolution to suspend the requirements of annual assessment work on mining claims during the year was passed by congress and approved by the president November 13, last. The resolution provides, however, that in order to be relieved of such work, claimants must file where location notice is recorded, on or before December 31, 1919, notice of their desire to hold such claims under this resolution.

The high cost of living is sometimes charged with the high cost of loafing.